

Drager Winds Up Testimony

Trial to Resume Monday and Require About Three More Days

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county funds on which the checks were drawn. There was no cross-examination.

Concluding questions in the intensive direct and cross examination of the defendant himself, who has been on the witness stand since Tuesday, were asked by Ross and Marsh during the first hour of the afternoon session.

The interrogation was concerned in large part with details of previous testimony given by the treasurer, including a statement that he had never known that monthly reports were required of the treasurer until his books were audited by state accountants in 1938.

Delay Is Blamed

On Clerk's Office. Previously, he said, such reports had been requested of him by former County Commissioner Leroy Hewlett, but that the county court had not pressed a request for them when it became apparent that they could not be produced until after the tenth of the month following the one reported on.

The delay was occasioned by slowness of the county clerk's office in returning necessary data, he declared.

Harry Roland, Warren Richardson, J. C. Slegmund, all former auditors of county books, and other county auditors were all his friends, the treasurer admitted to Ross in response to a question repeating earlier testimony, but none of them would have allowed friendship to interfere with their duties as auditors.

Again elaborating previous testimony, Drager declared that in the absence of any other hypothesis, he "guessed" that Richardson had taken the missing money, but in response to direct questioning stated that he had "never seen" his former deputy take county money not his own, and that he had no knowledge of a shortage existing until told of it by a state auditor in 1938. The treasurer stoutly maintained that he had never made false entries in cash balance books or other county records.

In final cross-examination by Marsh, the defendant admitted that persons placing "rolled" vouchers among the records in the treasurer's office must have realized the significance of their acts. "I am sure of it," Drager declared, however, when the prosecutor asked him point blank whether he contended that he himself did not place manipulated vouchers in the treasurer's vault.

Marsh secured an admission from Drager before concluding that the system of bookkeeping in use in the treasurer's office prior to last year would not have allowed an accountant to discover the exact cash balances of the county funds on any particular day. The reason, he declared to Drager, was that warrants received by the treasurer were not stamped as required by law, and to this the latter agreed.

In a final statement to the jury, Drager declared that his office handled a total of \$2,000,000 yearly since 1935.

Cross examination during the morning session, during which the defendant was on the stand, sought to elicit a statement from Drager as to means in which the county funds might have been taken.

To Marsh's question asking how he would have taken money had he gone after it, Drager responded, "I never studied out any method to be used in taking any money."

Checks for Private Purposes Questioned

In later inquiry as to the treasurer's purpose in writing county checks for private purposes, Drager maintained that he intended to pay such checks back to the county.

Pressing the point, Marsh inquired what Drager's intention had been in writing such a check.

"I intended to pay a bill with it," Drager replied.

"Whose bill?" the prosecutor asked.

"Mine," he answered.

Further inquiry as to checks drawn by the treasurer with which to pay to pay tax assessments on property owned by himself and his brother, Rue Drager, elicited a statement from the defendant that on occasion such checks had been drawn before he had received repayment from his brother.

The prosecutor brought out in another respect that the treasurer had allowed himself cash advances amounting at times to \$238 on \$128 salary. In reply the witness said, "I had income enough to take care of it."

Asked about the practice of advancing from \$1000 to \$1400 monthly to other county employees on their salaries, he declared, "I thought it was a risky business, but I never lost anything on salary advances all the time I was in office."

At the start of Monday's session the court is expected to rule on former Sheriff Bower's testimony, after which he or other witnesses will be called by the defense.

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Toppled by Tornado, Georgia City Will Rebuild



Struck by a two-minute tornado which killed nearly a score of residents and caused property damage in excess of \$7,000,000, the citizens of Albany, Ga.,

begin the task of rebuilding. This was a fruit market before the twister struck. Injuries ran into the hundreds.

Bible Inaccuracy Not Shown, Court

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of the Bible's scientific correctness.

Floyd alleged that Rimmer offered \$1000 to anyone who could prove any scientific inaccuracies in the Bible, that he (Floyd) produced 51 and that Rimmer refused to pay him the reward.

Justice Benjamin Halleck, who heard the case without a jury, dismissed the suit on the ground a prima facie case had not been established. He ruled that Floyd had failed to prove that Rimmer had inserted an advertisement in a morning newspaper offering \$1000 for proof of biblical inaccuracies from a scientific viewpoint, or that he had any knowledge of its insertion.

The principal witness today was Wolsey Teller, vice-president of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, who described himself as an editor, scientist and writer on astrology, anthropology and biology.

He said scientists disagreed with the first chapter of Genesis the story of creation.

Teller testified, among other things, that the earth was two thousand million years old. He said "no one was there" when the earth was created "but the theory is that there were close to a billion and the larger star threw out a film which condensed into several planets and one of them is the earth." The stars, he added, "came from the nebulae."

Man, testified Teller, began with the vertebrates and now "is an evolved ape."

President on Way But Plans Secret

ABOARD USS LANG, at Sea, Feb. 16.—(AP) Via Wireless—Bearing President Roosevelt to a still undisclosed destination, the cruiser Tuscaloosa pushed into rough seas tonight after encountering warm weather in an uneventful daylight voyage.

Brig. Gen. Edwin M. Watson, presidential secretary and military aide, tonight advised those aboard this escort destroyer that the president spent a quiet day and had nothing of public interest to report.

Details of the cruise remained such a well-guarded secret that officers and crews of the ships joined the speculation on the president's itinerary. Not even the course or speed were disclosed.

They're Figure Skate Champions



Eugene Turner and Joan Turner

Here are the national figure skating champions for 1940. Eugene Turner of Los Angeles won the men's senior title and Joan Turner, 19, of Boston, the women's crown in competition at Cleveland. Miss Turner has won the ice trophy for three straight years.

Ex-Barker



Music patrons and socialites in the San Francisco bay region were shocked recently when what they were entertaining as a French count and heir to South American fortunes, turned out to be Louis Pellesier, 38, one time Barker on San Francisco's exposition Gateway. Expose came when Pellesier was found guilty of defrauding a taxi driver. His sole entry into society was a rented dress suit.

More Snow Ahead For New England

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men and nearly 3000 pieces of equipment struggled against the great, dirty-grey drifts that made travel difficult in the metropolises. Travel authorities advised — as they did elsewhere — against motor trips that were not "absolutely necessary."

No milk shortage seemed imminent, although one had been feared earlier, because the farmers of the dairy shed were showing their trucks through.

In New Jersey, which reported 17 deaths, some roads in the northern section were blocked or, at best, open only to one-way traffic. In Long Valley, 500 persons who had been isolated for 24 hours got fresh food supplies; so did 100 in the town of Kinnelon.

One casualty of the storm was the ancient Wharf theatre in Provincetown, Mass.—broken by the ice-heavy seas. The oldest summer theatre in the country, it had known the labors of Eugene J. O'Neill, Edna St. Vincent Millay, Susan Glaspell and Wilbur Daniel Steele.

Oregon Will Lose 6 County Agents

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vestigation at Medford, leaving \$5,194.

The irrigation agricultural investigation at Hermiston, which got \$9,050 previously, was eliminated.

Forest service cuts of approximately \$6,000,000 from this year's \$32,000,000 will reduce Oregon national forest protection and management from \$16,150 to \$14,650; range investigations from \$9,200 to \$7,200; forest roads and trails from \$1,275,000 to \$965,000.

Because of the reduction, the department said it would be unable to purchase any land in any western national forest in the 1941 fiscal year.

The quantity of work the department said was urgently needed in Oregon for enforcement of the federal food, drug and cosmetic act will be reduced.

The soil conservation office will discontinue technical advice for Oregon programs and dropping of the tenant purchase loan will deny funds for the Portland regional office, serving Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Cuts will reduce the soil conservation service's funds for acquisition, management, development and supervision of submarginal lands from \$141,000 in Oregon this year to \$50,000 in 1941. The bureau of agriculture economics research in farm management, including a broad study of Oregon's agricultural resources, will be slashed from \$37,550 this year to \$27,505 next year.

Under the plan announced Friday by George C. Weller and his Mother, Mrs. Lenore J. Weller, who purchased the property last summer. The tenants of buildings now on the ground have been given notice to vacate.

Mrs. Weller now owns the building occupied by the Hubbard Motor company, which adjoins the proposed structure, which will probably cover an area of 82 1/2 by 165 square feet. Negotiations on the plans are now under way with a prospective tenant.

Daniel H. Ferrell Rites Set Monday

Daniel Harvey Ferrell, 87, longtime former resident of Salem, died at his home in Portland Thursday, February 15. Ferrell is survived by his widow, Viana Ferrell; three daughters, Mrs. Sydney Lamb and Mrs. David Hart of Portland and Mrs. Earl Strickland of Salem; and one son, Jesse of Portland. Eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be at the Moreland funeral home in Portland at 10 a. m. Monday, February 19. Graveyard services will be at the City View cemetery, Salem, at 1 o'clock that afternoon.

Leader Installed By Leslie League

LOIS Barrick was installed as the Leslie Girls' League president in a candle light installation at Leslie junior high school yesterday.

Other officers installed include Beverly McGilchrist, and one president; Colleen Hillman, secretary; Nancy Wallace, treasurer; Ruth Douglas, sergeant-at-arms; Betty Hannaman, song leader; Sarah Craven, yell leader; Mary East, activity chairman; Lois Martin, secretary; and Donna Turrah, representatives to the student council.

Janet Rogers is the retiring president.

Statehouse Guide Woes Are Recited

Loss of a large number of ash trays and other state capital equipment has been traced to souvenir hunters, capitol building guides declared here yesterday.

Officials said ash trays in the board of control room were most attractive to visitors. Writing names high up on the gold-covered pioneer statue atop the capitol structure also has become a fad, the guides said.

Obituary

Francis
Mrs. Emeline Francis passed away February 16 at 1375 North Capitol street at the age of 87 years. Survived by daughters, Mrs. William Ney of Salem, Mrs. Ed Coed of Jackson, Wyoming; and a son, Frank S. Francis of Olympia, Washington. Funeral announcements later by the Walker-Howell Funeral Home.

Finn Officials Fly to London

Red Army Presses Close to Summa, Claims 2 Towns Captured

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upon wave of red army troops rolled up against the Mannerheim line on the Karelian isthmus and penetrated "to our positions" at three places, Sweden stated her position in two announcements:

1. Premier Per Albin Hansson said Finland's request for the transport of "Swedish military groups to Finland" had been refused and that Sweden would limit her aid to material and sizeable active service detachments quickly on the Finnish front.

2. A Swedish foreign office spokesman said his country "naturally never could tolerate a march through (to Finland) by troops of a foreign country." He added that Great Britain and France, assisted by powerful movements to help Finland, had made no such demands.

The possible fate of a Finnish appeal to Britain and France for military help was noted in British explanations that it would be technically difficult for the allies to place trained and sizeable active service detachments quickly on the Finnish front.

A military informant in Helsinki admitted the red army had captured at least part of the village of Summa, which has been the scene of fierce fighting for 16 days.

The Russian communique today reported the capture of two towns, Leipsa and Kamara, both about five miles north of Summa.

Russians also claimed the occupation of 22 more Finnish "defensive fortifications" boosting to 175 the total of such positions the Russians have said they occupied.

Russia had claimed the capture of 153 Finnish "defensive fortifications" in the isthmus drive, up to Friday.

A sharp warning that Germany demands "strict neutrality" from neutral states instead of "renunciation of direct warlike acts" or "lip service for official usage" was voiced in an editorial in Adolf Hitler's newspaper Volkischer Beobachter. Belgium and Switzerland specifically were mentioned.

The pace of the sea warfare between the allies and Germany quickened.

While Germany boasted that her sea warfare was proving far more effective than in 1914, the British said one of their coastal planes had bombed and possibly sunk a German U-boat in the North sea.

It said unofficially that the total of German submarines sunk since the war began was near 50.

New Building Due For High Street

A modern building will soon be constructed in the 300 block on the east side of North High street, according to plans announced Friday by George C. Weller and his Mother, Mrs. Lenore J. Weller, who purchased the property last summer. The tenants of buildings now on the ground have been given notice to vacate.

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Co-op Movement To Be Discussed

The Salem Merchants association is sponsoring the appearance here on February 29 of H. P. North, San Francisco, who will deliver an evening address, "The public, at the Marion hotel."

Mr. North, who is manager of the Business Development bureau of the National Association of Insurance Agents has made an intensive study of the origin and growth of the cooperative movement in the United States and will describe the effects of this movement on private industry. His topic is "Cooperatives in the United States."

Scio Man's Aide Dies in Arizona

HOLBROOK, Ariz., Feb. 16.—(AP) Mathea Mickelson, 42, traveling saleslady for a Scio, Ore., photographer, was found dead in an auto court here Thursday.

Navajo County Physician A. K. Wilson said death was due to "asphyxiation, with an element of monoxide poisoning." Her pet dog also was found in the cabin. She had \$112 in her possession. No inquest will be held. Her employer, C. F. Coffey, said he could advance no reason for suicide.

Bert Mosher to Manage Hop Yard

INDEPENDENCE—Bert Mosher will replace Allen G. Hall as superintendent of the Mittoma hop yards Monday. The yards, recently purchased by John I. Hass, Inc., are four miles northeast of Independence. Mosher has had 15 years of experience with hops and was formerly chief of police in Independence.

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Winnie Hoveler

Self-admitted "close friend" of John Barrymore, the actor, Winnie Hoveler, Chicago dancer, flew to New York to be at the stricken Barrymore's side only to be given a less-than-cordial welcome. Winnie promptly took a plane back to Chicago. During Barrymore's Chicago visit, Winnie was pictured with him in various affectionate poses.

Philadelphia Gets Big GOP Session

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awaited report of the committee headed by Glenn Frank on recommendations for the party's 1940 platform, and other committee reports.

Frank spoke briefly, telling the committee only the mechanical processes which had been followed in drafting the report, and not going into what it contained. Party officials planned to release it for publication next Monday morning.

Hamilton said he welcomed the possibility of a third term effort by President Roosevelt. It would, he said, facilitate a republican victory.

"We would have a clear-cut issue and once and for all, we would have a showdown on the new deal. Franklin Roosevelt and the third term—would we finish all these things? So demoralized and embittered by internecine feuds is the democratic party that it cannot present a common front against us. On the other hand, our ranks are closed in a harmonious understanding of the great task before us. The morale of our workers in every part of the country is that of men and women who possess knowledge that victory is within their grasp."

Defining "Safety Island" Cause of Hubbard Dispute

PORTLAND, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Divergent definitions of what constitutes a roadside safety island were aired today by O. E. Powell, Hubbard service station operator, and the state highway commission.

A rock-bound plot of shrubbery on highway property in front of the station, which Powell has twice removed, prevents a well-defined "entrance and exit," he complained. One customer, he told the commission, drove onto the pathway and struck a building.

The island, Engineer R. H. Baldock explained, directs traffic to and from the station at a proper angle. He reprimanded Powell for tearing out the shrubbery and warned him he had "exceeded his rights."

The commission declined to act on the operator's complaint until engineers made a study of safety islands.

Injuries Prove Fatal

PORTLAND, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Martin Lanon, 79, pedestrian, injured by an automobile last night at Southwest Fifth avenue and Montgomery street, was Portland's 12th 1940 traffic fatality.

HOLLYWOOD
TWO FEATURES
The Three Mesquites
John Trent as Tallspin Tommy in "Stunt Pilot"
Added - News, Our Gang Comedy, "Dennis the Menace," and Chap. 8 of "The Oregon Trail"

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ALL-BERRY THUNDER AFLOAT
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Britain Speeding Up Mobilization

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from the Slesper were seven seamen and six passengers. The ship, missing were the British tanker Creffield, 838 tons, and the Norwegian freighters Blip, 1000 tons, and Start, 1165 tons. The Blip, which carried a crew of 16, left a British port January 20 with a cargo of coal for Norway.

A Helsinki radio broadcast said Germany had captured and confiscated two Finnish ships bound for Britain with cargoes of timber.

The British mobilization speed-up fitted in with allied troop concentrations in the near east and Britain's helping hand in the war in Finland.

Recruiting of volunteers to fight against the Russians, sanctioned by a royal decree published tonight in The London Gazette is proceeding steadily. It was unlikely, however, that any of the British recruits would reach Finland in time to help turn the tide in the battle now raging on the Karelian isthmus.

Near Billion for Navy Is Approved

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No attempt was made to restore any of the \$111,699,699 cut by the house appropriations committee from the 1940 unit President Roosevelt originally recommended for the navy despite the chief executive's expressed hope that funds to start a second pair of 45,000-ton battleships would be put back.

The appropriations committee allowed only \$1,500,000 of the \$7,800,000 requested for that purpose and urged the navy to re-study the matter to determine whether bigger ships should not be substituted. Assuming it had learned the 45,000-ton craft would be virtually the same as those being built abroad, the committee condemned what it called the navy's policy of "imitating" foreign navies.

However, Chairman Vinson (D-Ga) of the house naval committee asserted the curtailed amount would be sufficient to enable the navy to go ahead with plans and let contracts for the 45,000-tonners.

The \$965,779,438 measure, which went through without a record vote, is the regular, annual appropriation bill, carrying money for the next fiscal year. Despite the drastic cut in the president's naval estimates, the bill carried about \$50,000,000 more than the navy received for the current fiscal year.

American Aid for Finns Is Request

LONDON, Feb. 16.—(AP)—An editorial titled "S O S" in The Daily Mail tonight declared the United States "should face reality and should give Finland help of real value in her hour of peril."

"For ourselves we ask nothing... but for Finland we presume to go farther," the newspaper said, urging that the United States permit the Finns to use American loans for the purchase of arms.

Taunted; Shoots



Paul Ebersole

Police in New York hold Paul Ebersole, 16, on charges in connection with the death of Woodrow Bass, 15. Police say that Bass taunted Ebersole as not daring to shoot. The boy is said to have obtained the gun in a jewelry store robbery.

Youth Says Prank Cause of Slaying

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—(AP)—A coroner's inquest was called today for next Tuesday to inquire into the killing of an 11-year-old girl by a 17-year-old high school student who told juvenile authorities he shot at a group of playing children through "mischief."

Marilyn Bunker was killed by shots from a .22 calibre rifle and her 8-year-old brother, Bradley, was wounded in the left thigh as they played yesterday on a hillside near the home of Donald Rogers.

Rogers was quoted by Capt. Edward M. Slaughter of the police juvenile welfare bureau as saying he "thought it would be fun" to shoot near the children "and scare them." Slaughter said the boy would be charged with murder if his story was corroborated by testimony at the inquest.

Fred B. Sackett Dies at Age 80

McMINNVILLE, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Fred B. Sackett, 80, former Yamhill county judge, died today. He was a native of South Plymouth, New York.

Judge Sackett was the father of Vernon M. Sackett of Salem, and of Sheldon F. Sackett, former co-publisher of The Oregon Statesman.

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ROLAND YOUNG · MARY BOLAND
CESAR ROMERO · MARY HEALY
LYLE TALBOT · ELISHA COOK, Jr.

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Any similarity to actual persons is almost a miracle
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